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MEMORANDUM FOR: Planning Group

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SUBJECT: Legal Basis for OSI Activities

REFERENCE: Your Memo, "Assumptions for Long-Range Planning", 30 July 1965


1. The authority for OSI's activities in the production and coordination of scientific intelligence stem from NSCID 3 (revised 18 January 1961) and the DCIDs derived from it (3/3, 3/4, and 3/5). The substantive and procedural guidance documents that pertain are DCIDs 1/2, 1/3, and 1/6. These references are explained more explicitly below.
2. The pertinent citations in NSCID 3 are contained in paragraph 7c ("The CIA shall produce.....scientific and technical intelligence as a service of common concern") and 7d on atomic energy intelligence.
3. The relevant implementing DCIDs are 3/3 "Production of Atomic Energy Intelligence", 3/4 "Production of Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence", and 3/5 "Production of Scientific and Technical Intelligence". The latter DCID reiterates the service of common concern role for CIA as expressed in NSCID 3 and authorizes such production as required to fulfill the statutory responsibilities of the DCI. These are key concepts in the development of OSI's position in the community through the years. These DCIDs establish JAEIC, GMAIC and SIC, respectively. It should be noted that the chairmen of JAEIC and SIC have without exception been officials of OSI.
4. Substantive guidance, if not authority, stems from DCID 1/3 "Priority National Intelligence Objectives" and the quarterly supplements thereto.

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5. The remaining directive of concern in this connection is 1/6 "Control of Initial Information Regarding Foreign Nuclear Explosions". This directive establishes the role of the Chairman, JAEIC in the disclosure and control of information of this type.


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